Sevenoaks Ramblers

‘Hero for the Day’ Wrotham to West Kingstown - 10 miles

Sunday, 22nd March

Perhaps the fact that there were 13 of us for the walk from Wrotham should have rung bells, but all started well after Terry shepherded 11 walkers from the side of the Wrotham recreation ground where they had parked (rather than where I was waiting for them – blame ‘what three words’), but there were 10 miles to go. We got to Stansted with its empty Black Horse pub (signs abounded: Save our Sauvignon, Rescue our Roast…) and pretty church without mishap and were just about to descend the path towards Wise’s Lane when a small, immobile, but fierce-looking horned bovine was spotted at the bottom of the field. One walker was joined by several others declaring they would definitely not go down past this animal, so it was intrepid Terry who volunteered to check whether a bull fight was in the offing or whether said bullock (?) was harmless. What a hero! In the event, the animal was tethered and the majority were happy to follow the route, while the cautious cattle-phobes walked along the lane and met up with the rest of the group where the pass crossed. Phew! No further action was required from back-marker Terry until the steep descent from the North Downs Way meant he leant his walking pole to the owner of a dodgy knee and made sure that she did not slip. Thank you, Terry!



